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SUBJ: HANN CASE: PMG CHARGES ESPIONAGE IN PUBLIC STATEMENT

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1. ETHIOPIAN HERALD JUNE 27 FRONT PAGES ARTICLE ENTITLED "AN AMERICAN EXPELLED FROM ETHIOPIA." LEAD PARA STATES THAT HANNA, AN AMERICAN FROM PEORIA, HAS BEEN EXPELLED FROM ETHIOPIA FOR VARIOUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES "INCLUDING ESPIONAGE." ARTICLE THEN CITES "A STATEMENT BY THE PMG" AS ASSERTING YESTERDAY THAT MR. HANNA WAS DEPORTED ON 24 HOURS NOTICE. "HE WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE ETHIOPIAN POPULAR MOVEMENT, ILLEGAL CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS, ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFICKING, DUPLICATION OF OBSCENE PICTURES AS WELL AS STAYING IN THE COUNTRY FOR TWO YEARS WITHOUT A PERMIT."

2. ARTICLE THEN CITES HANNA'S HISTORY IN ETHIOPIA. IT STATES THAT AFTER THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN ASMARA CLOSED DOWN,  
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MR. HANNA MAINTAINED TWO RESIDENCES AND RENTED AN APARTMENT IN

ADDIS "FOR HIS GERMAN MISTRESS" A FORMER ETHIOPIAN AIRLINES HOSTESS, PROVIDING FOR HER MONTHLY EXPENSES. HE TRAVELED REGULARLY BETWEEN ADDIS AND ASMARA BY AIR AND BECAUSE OF THIS AND HIS EXTRAVAGANT MONTHLY EXPENDITURES DESPITE HIS UNEMPLOYED STATUS "MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT WERE COMPELLED TO SHADOW HIM TO FIND OUT THE NATURE OF HIS INVISIBLE OCCUPATION AND INCOME UNTIL IT WAS FINALLY ESTABLISHED THAT THE FORMER TEACHER OF THE AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL WAS ENGAGED IN ESPIONAGE ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE CURRENT POPULAR MOVEMENT."

3. THEREAFTER, THE ARTICLE CONTINUES, PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT OFFICIALS "OBTAINED COURT PERMISSION" TO DETAIN MR. HANNA FOR QUESTIONING AND ALSO TO SEARCH HIS RESIDENCES." SEARCH OF THE TWO RESIDENCES REVEALED "32 VARIOUS TYPES OF WIRELESS USED FOR SPYING, SIX RIFLES, FIVE PISTOLS, 23,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, OTHER ITEMS AND A LARGE AMOUNT OF PAMPLETS." HANNA, ARTICLE STATES, CONFESSED HAVING SMUGGLED A LARGE SUM OF MONEY OUT OF THE COUNTRY THROUGH BANKS IN THE US IN COLLABORATION WITH TWO ARMENIANS AND A LEBANESE NATIONAL. HIS CONFESSION WAS CORROBORATED BY THREE OF HIS ACCOMPLICES.

4. THE ARTICLE THEN STATES THAT HANNA ALSO TRIED, ALONG WITH HIS GERMAN MISTRESS, TO UNDERMINE THE MORAL VALUE OF THE ETHIOPIAN PEOPLE "BY DUPLICATING OBSCENE PICTURES," 18 OF WHICH WERE FOUND IN HIS HOMES AND IN HIS MISTRESS' APARTMENT.

5. THE ARTICLE STATES THAT HANNA "ALSO BROUGHT INTO THE COUNTRY DRUGS UNKNOWN TO ETHIOPIA IN AN ATTEMPT TO INTRODUCE THE NARCOTICS AMONG THE NATION'S YOUTH."

6. THE ARTICLE STATES FINALLY THAT HANNA HAD NO RESIDENCE VISA TO PERMIT HIM TO REMAIN IN ETHIOPIA FOLLOWING THE TIME HE LEFT HIS TEACHING POSITION IN THE FORMER AMERICAN COMMUNITY SCHOOL IN ASMARA.

7. POUCHING TEXT OF ARTICLE.  
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